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1. MOST TURKISH PAPERS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 GAVE FRONTPAGE
PLAY TO THE PENDING VOTE IN THE HOUSE ON THE ARMS EMBARGO.
REMARKS MADE YESTERDAY (COTOBER 1) BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT IN AMASYA (AS REPORTED REFTEL)
ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY COVERAGE.

2. MODERATELY LEFT CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT, SHOULD THE
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EMBARGO BE LIFTED, TURKEY WILL HAVE TO PAY TWO PERCENT MORE FOR HER

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PURCHASES ON THE COMMERCIAL ARMS MARKET. THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT
CERTAIN NATO COUNTRIES HAVE REPORTEDLY INFORMED TURKEY

THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE THE SPARE PARTS IN SHORT SUPPLY
BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO.

3. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE ARMS EMBARGO, NECATI ZINCIRKIRAN IN
GUNAYDIN WROTE: "...AMERICA, BY CONFISCATING THE ARMS PURCHASED
AND PAID FOR BY US HAS VIOLATED THE MORAL CODE OF TRADE.
BY RELEASING THIS MATERIAL NOW, SHE IS DOING NOTHING OTHER
THAN FULFILLING THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE MORAL CODE OF TRADE...
WITH THE EMBARGO DECISION, WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD OUR ENEMIES
AND OUR FRIENDS BETTER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AMERICA FROM
NOW ON WILL NOT FIND THE OLD SINCERITY AND FREINDSHIP IN
TURKEY. THE OLD DAYS, WITH THEIR PLEASANT OR BITTER
MEMORIES, HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND...FROM NOW ON AMERICA WILL
FIND A 'DIFFERENT' AND 'HARD' FRIEND....I WONDER WHETHER
THOSE WHO GOVERN US WILL BE ABLE TO PURSUE SUCH A POLICY,
WHICH IS DESIRED BY THE ENTIRE NAT ON, GR WILL THEY START
TO RACE WITH EACH OTHER IN SENDING CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO."

4. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN CUMHURIYET COMMENTED: "...HOW
WILL THE DECISION TO BE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES WITH
RESPECT TO LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE EVE OF THE
OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS BE INTERPRETED IN TURKEY? FIRST, IF
THE EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS THE
DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO KEEP TURKEY UNDER
PRESSURE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE
NECESSITY OF LOOKING FOR NEW ALTERNATIVES FOR TURKISH FOREIGN
POLICY WILL BE MORE EVIDENT...EVEN THE PRO-AMERICAN
FRONTIST GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...
SECOND, F THE UNITED STATES LIFTS THE EMBARGO, THIS
DEVELOPMENT WILL BE TAKEN AS SUPPORTING THE DEMIREL
GOVERNMENT ON THE EVE OF THE OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS. THE
REASON WHY WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE SO HAS COME FROM NATO
AND AMERICAN CIRCLES. THE UNFORTUNATE STATEMENT BY NATO
SEC-GEN LUNS...AND PRESIDENT FORD'S DEFINITE REMARKS THAT
THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO INTERFERE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY TURKIS PUBLIC
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OPINION WITH THE UTMOST CARE...THE DECISION WILL BE
CONSIDERED AS THE OUTCOME OF ADVANVED BARGAINING ON CYPRUS,
AND IT WILL BE PORTRAYED AS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRO-
AMERICANLFRONTIST GOVERNMENT AND WASHINGTON."
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